

**BORDER SEARCH AREAS**

**135. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to creation of border search areas via an amendment to the Misuse of Drugs Act last year.

- (1) On how many occasions has a BSA been initiated and in which location or locations?
- (2) How many searches have occurred within a BSA and in which location or locations?
- (3) Have any prohibited drugs, controlled plants or precursors been seized by WAPOL; and, if so, what were the particulars of these seizures?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. On behalf the Minister for Emergency Services, the following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advises that between 27 June 2023 and 27 February 2024 —

- (1) There were seven authorised and initiated: Albany port, one; Esperance port zone 1, one; Esperance port zone 2, one; Perth Airport zone 2, two; and Perth Airport zone 1, two.
- (2) In total, 70 searches were conducted of 53 vehicles and 17 persons: Albany port, 36 vehicles searched; Esperance port zone 1, 16 vehicles searched; Perth Airport zone 2, one vehicle searched and 10 persons searched, and 11 in total; and Perth Airport zone 1, seven persons searched.
- (3) Approximately five grams of cannabis was seized from a vehicle at Albany port.